

REMARKS

Claims 2-250 have been cancelled. Claim 1 is pending. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

The presently pending claim is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-5325 should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing other than those that have been provided for in the documents that accompany this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18477.008.

Respectfully submitted,



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